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#### The Brontës—continued.

### Brontë (Charlotte)—continued.

public, brief, and noisy. Notoriety suits Lewes. Fame, were it possible that he could achieve her, would be a thing uncongenial to him: he could not wait for the solemn blast of her trumpet, sounding long, and slowly waxing louder. . . . .

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". . . . I felt some disappointment at the non-arrival of the proof-sheets of 'Wuthering Heights,' a feverish impatience to complete the revision is apt to beset me, the work of

#### The Brontës—continued.

Brontë (Charlotte)—continued.

looking over papers, could not be gone through with impunity or with unaltered spirits; associations too tender, regrets too bitter sprang out of it; meantime, the Cornhill books now as heretofore, are my medicine; affording a solace which could not be yielded by the very same books produced from a common library. . . ."

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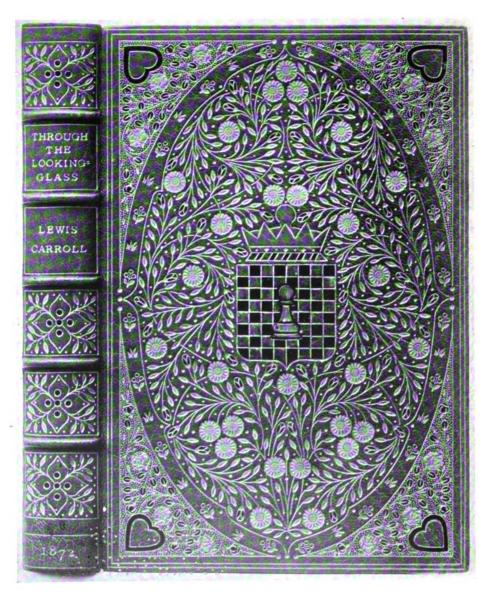
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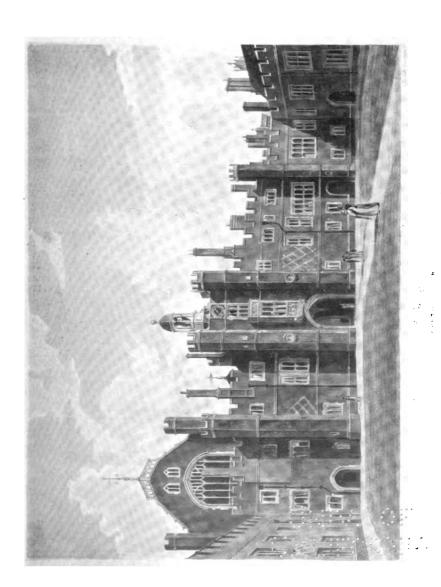
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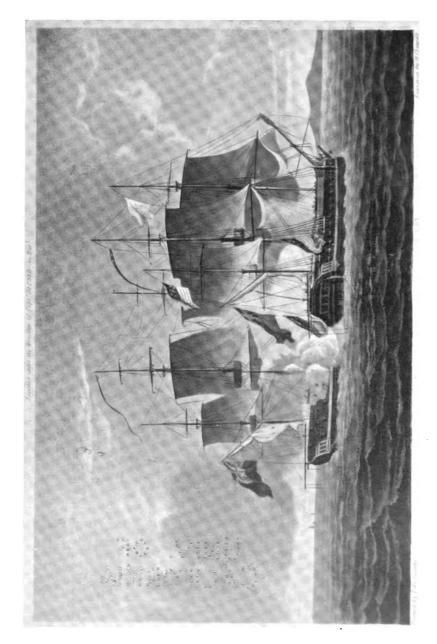
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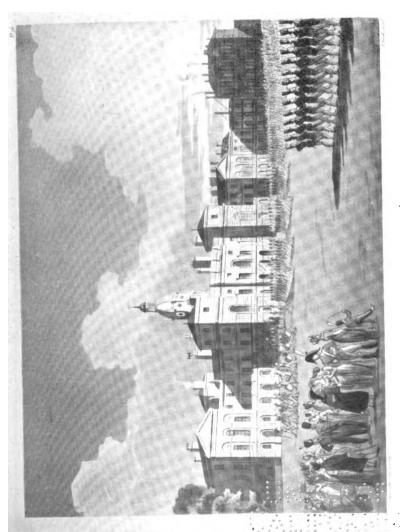
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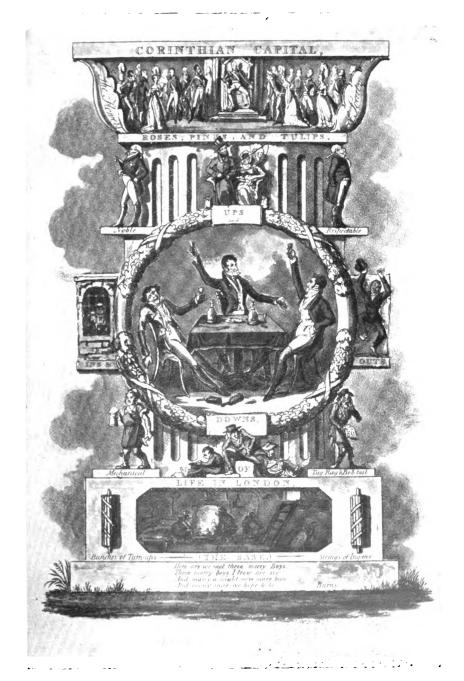
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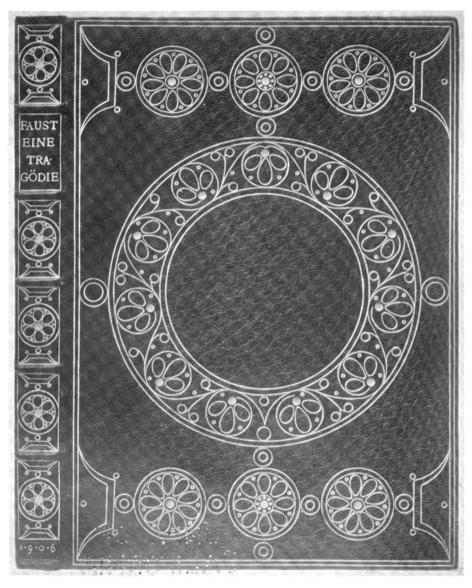
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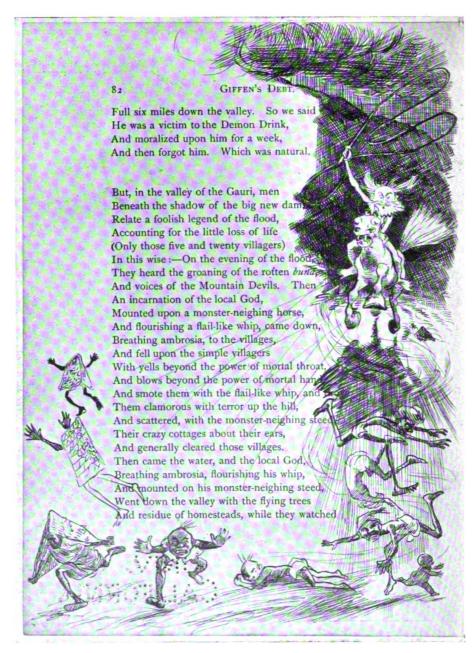
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Holmee (Oliver Wendell)—continued.

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the 'Ship' very abruptly runs its bows into a Sonnet and both are stove in. Be so good as to look at this in other copies. In the proof sheets you sent me in July, sig. S, runs all right; here it is a repetition of E. E.

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"I am quite willing you should prefer disagreeable men (there are enough of them!) provided you will tolerate me. For my part, I prefer agreeable women. I must keep copies of my letters if I would understand the answers to them. Could I have been such an ass as to ask if I was charming? It is out of the question. Even if I thought I was, I should be too clever to enquire too wisely about it, for I hold with my favourite Donne that

'Who knows his virtue's name & place, hath none.'

And yet I should infer from your letter that I had been stupid enough to ask something of the kind. Nothing in my life has ever puzzled me so much as my popularity here in England—which I have done nothing & been nothing to deserve.

"No, the Lord Mayor's show was pure Circus & poor Circus at that. It was cheap & the other adjective that begins with N. "Twas an attempt to make poetry out of commonplace by contract. "Twas antiquity as conceived by Mr. Sanger. Why, I saw the bottoms of a Norman Knight's trousers where they had been hitched up into a telltale welt round the ankle by his chain armour! There was no pretence at illusion nay, every elephant, every camel, every chariot was leaden with disillusion. It was worth seeing for once, to learn how dreary prose can contrive to be when it has full swing. But you are finding my prose dreary? "Tis nothing to what I could do if I would. Suppose I should write in verse! . . .

"You will be glad to hear that a man once devoted an entire volume to the exposure of my solecisms or whatever he chose to call them. I never read it—lest it should spoil my style by making it conscious. A Scotsman, too, gave me a dressing, I am told—but I don't mind their theories about English (which is always a foreign tongue to them) & besides he liked me all the same. By the way a Scotsman had the ill manners one day to compliment me on my English. 'Why, I shouldn't know you weren't an Englishman. Where did you get it.' I couldn't resist & answered with a couple of verses from a Scottish ballad—

"I gat it in my mither's wame, Whaur ye'll get never the like!"

He will never compliment me again, I fear.

<sup>&</sup>quot;What did I learn out of that sentence about Keats, quotha? I am sure I don't know-

Lowell (James Russell)—continued.

#### Men, Women, etc., Autograph Letters—continued.

but it must have been juice (sève) or sweetness or some such thing. Would that make sense? If so, accept it, though I believe that sense is not just what you expect of me, thank you. I always have to write in a hurry.

"When you see me again I shall be an old man — that was a slip, I meant to say 'Elderly,' but it is out now & I must make the best of it. I shall be little better than a tame cat. You will stroke me in a pause of your talk with some more suitable person & I shall purr.

'I don't see why you should commiserate Stella with seven young men contending for her like the seven cities for Homer, or better, like the seven against Thebes. I dare say she likes it if she doesn't them. I'm sure I should like being besieged by as many charming young women & should never fling the kerchief to one for fear of losing the other six. I should compare them to the Pleiades, to the seven chords of the lyre, que sais-je? to the seven deadly sins, when I was at odds with myself. I don't pity her a bit! She is calm, & like the pool of Bethsada, it will take an angel to stir her, but I have a faith that the angel will come. And if nothing ever should happen, what then? Are there no women who can live on their own supplies?

"Women often make spoons of men, but men as often spoil a lover in them. All the women I am fond of are maidens in my imagination.

"Yes, I have read Kipling's stories & with real pleasure. I read them while I was still

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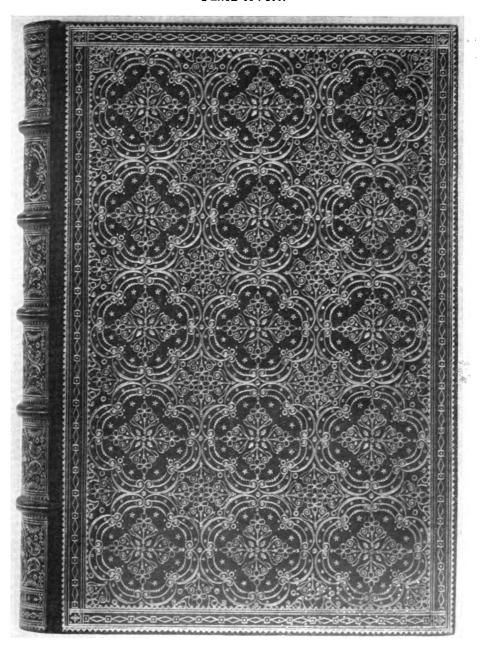
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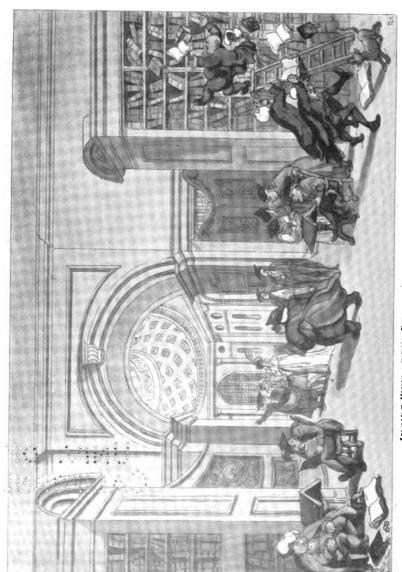
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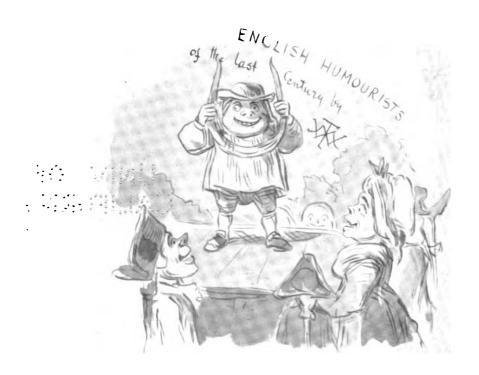
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The good king turned the present cake.
He throught here for his country! data
How would be been a george at stake
It man who has a crown at stake
of sorry cook to turned to trace
A bring cook to pure to brave so true
Like him the world has shown in few:
So good to pure to brave so true
Like him the world has shown in few:
So gloriously tank and great,
In adverse and in prosperous fate.
How many is man our life supplies
That neither good nor furt hor wide
Torget his house and home, to fix
this muddled head on politics
And for a phantom set aide
The business of his own preside.

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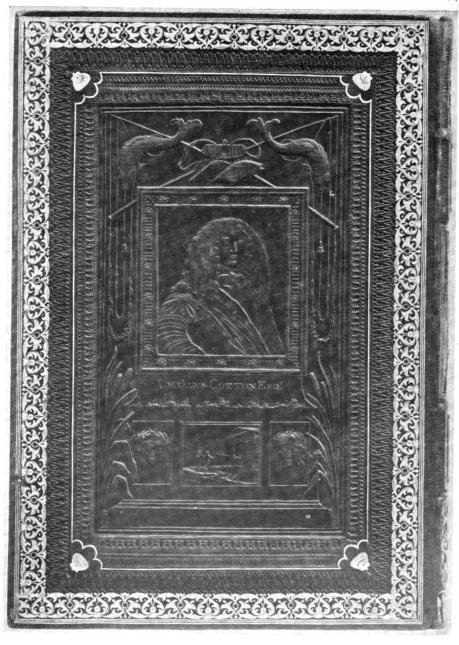
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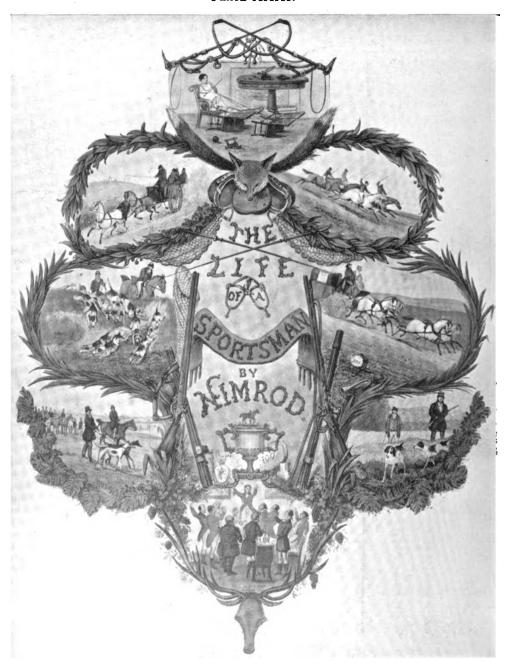
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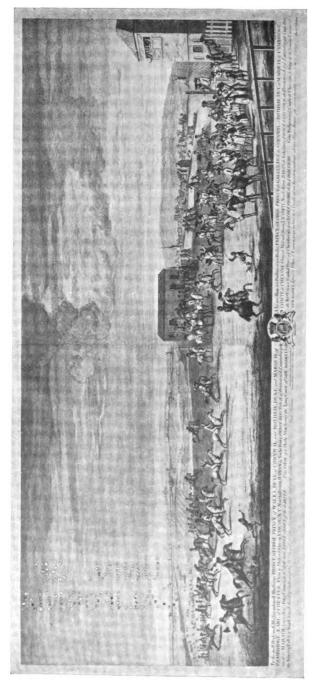
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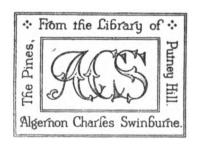
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2854 The Princess, a Medley.

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128 6d

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2856 The Promise of May.

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2857 Queen Mary. A Drama.

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2858 The Sailor Boy.

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2859 A Selection from his Poetical Works, with portrait.

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2860

THE SILENT VOICES.

BY

ALFRED,

LORD TENNYSON,

London:

Macmillan and Co.,

and New York,

1892.

The Exceedingly Rare Pamphlet of 4 pp., small 8vo, preserved in buckram case.

\* \* \* 'This pamphlet was issued on October 11th, 1892, the day preceding Tennyson's funeral. The Verses were printed in this manner simply to assure the Copyright, and very few copies were produced.

2861

THE SILENT VOICES.

One of the last poems written by ALFRED LORD TENNYSON.

Music by

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Arranged for four voices for THE FUNERAL OF LORD TENNYSON.

in Westminster Abbey, October 12, 1892,

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J. FREDERICK BRIDGE, Mus. D.

. Printed by

Novello, Ewer and Co., 1, Berners Street, London (W).

4 pp., 8vo (last page blank). (1892). (Preserved in a buckram portfolio by Riviere.)

\* \* \* This is one of the Earliest Copies printed for use of the Singers at the Funeral Service. It differs from the issue mentioned by Mr. Wise in his Bibliography.

No. 164, the second line of title reading-

One of the last Poems,

whereas in the Ordinary Issue this reads-

The latest Poem,

and moreover does not carry the words
"Price threepence."

and the Publisher's imprint reads-

Printed by Novello, Ewer and Co., 1, Berners Street, London (W.),

instead of—

London & New York.

Very few copies were issued in this early state, and this is probably the only one extant.

### 2862 The Throstle.

FIRST EDITION. F'cap. 8vo, full new levant morocco extra, uncut, t. e. g., by Riviere. London, 1889.

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2863 (Timbuctoo.) Prolusiones Academicae Praemiis Annuis Dignatae et Curia Cantabrigiensi Recitatae Comitiis Maximis A.D. M.DCCC.XXIX.

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• • • The First Appearance of Tennyson's Prize Poems. After the General Title-page (as given above) is the separate title of 'Timbuctoo.

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F'cap. 8vo, 4 pp., unbound. London, Moxon, 1863.

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THE FIRST "PRIVATE" ISSUE.

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• • • Only 40 copies were printed, all for private distribution. This is the First Issue, with the fourth line of the Second Stanza reading:—

"And all the sultry plains of India known."

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"And all the sultry palms of India known."

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Autograph Manuscript of a considerable portion of his "In Memoriam." Comprising 49 Verses (including two cancelled, unpublished verses), on 2 pp., folio.

(SEE ILLUSTRATION, PLATE No. XXIII.).

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It is believed that no portion of the manuscript of the poem has ever come on the market before, and it was not known to Tennyson's bibliographer that any existed besides the manuscript which is now in the Library of Trinity College, Cambridge.

There are 26 verses on the recto of the manuscript commencing with Canto XXX:-

"With trembling fingers did we weave
The holly round the Christmas hearth;
A rainy cloud possess'd the earth,
And sadly fell our Christmas-eve." Etc

Whilst the verso comprises 23 verses commencing with Canto XL:-

"Thy spirit ere our fatal loss

Did ever rise from high to higher:

As mounts the heavenward altar-fire,

As flies the lighter thro' the gross." Etc.

The order of the Cantos is very irregular compared with the published version, and there are many variations from the printed text.

The two cancelled unpublished verses appear in Cantos XL and LXXIII.

"How far, how far gone upward now?

Too far for me to catch the while

The sweetness of this proper smile

Thro' those new splendours of thy brow:

"So here shall silence guard thy fame
But somewhere out of human view
Whate'er thy hands are set to do
Is wrought with tumult of acclaim."

This is evidently an early manuscript, written at intervals; Tennyson, taking some years in the writing of the poem.



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(SEE ILLUSTRATION, PLATE No. XXIV.).

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The original manuscripts, three in number, by Tennyson of his famous war poem "Riflemen Form." It was written in 1859 at the suggestion of Coventry Patmore, and was a considerable factor in forcing the English Government to sanction the formation of a national volunteer rifle-corps in which Patmore was much interested. This movement was excited by distrust of the intentions of Napoleon III. who had declared that he "represented a defeat" (Waterloo) and implied that he meant to avenge it.

The poet wrote out these three drafts before he was satisfied with the lines, and in two of the drafts there is an additional verse which apparently has never been published. The final revise of the poem commences:—

"There is a sound of thunder afar,
Storm in the south that darkens the day
Storm of battle & thunder of war,
Well if it do not roll our way!
Storm! Storm! Riflenien form!
Ready, be ready to meet the storm.
Riflenien, riflemen, riflemen form!"

These manuscripts, which vary considerably, he gave to his brother-in-law, Charles Richard Weld, whom he constantly consulted about his publishing affairs and other matters; and when sending him the final draft, Tennyson prefaced it by the following letter:—

"I send you the song in its last form. I don't think the Times will put it in, but you can try if you like. Another paper will. To be signed T." Etc.

To this letter Weld has appended a note:-

"The Lines appeared in the *Times*, Monday, May 9th, 1859; and on Thursday. May 12th, the government sanctioned the formation of volunteer rifle-corps. The lines were copied into a great number of papers."



2870 The Window; or, The Loves of the Wrens.

The Pirated Issue of Herne Shepherd, issued a year before the appearance of the published edition.

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• \* The text of this Pirated Reprint follows precisely that of the original folio edition privately printed at Canford Manor, and includes the verses printed there and afterwards suppressed.

Mr. Wise in his Tennyson Bibliography adds "the little pamphlet is therefore of much interest, and its pecuniary value much greater than would otherwise have been the

case."

2871 **The Window;** or, The Songs of the Wrens.

Words written for Music by Alfred Tennyson, the Music by Arthur Sullivan.

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### THE IDVLLS.

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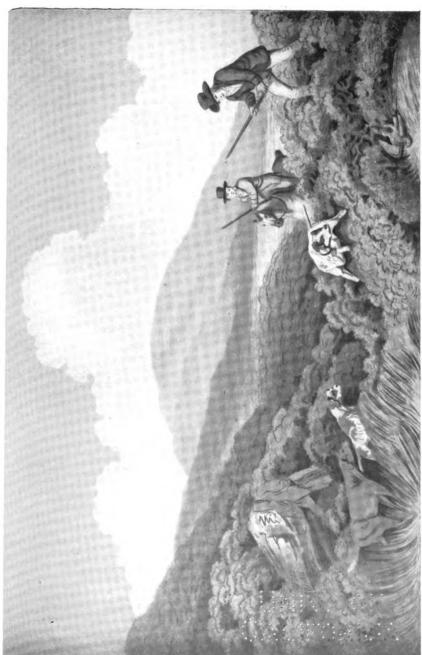
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In due course "The Gownsman" made its appearance. It seems probable that Thackeray was actually Editor, and had a large part in writing it. Until quite lately, however no contribution of his was distinctly recognised. The scarceness of the paper may to some extent, have accounted for this. There is no copy in the British Museum. Such copies as come into the Market from time to time usually lack the first numbers.

It is stated on the authority of Mr. Edward Fitzgerald, who was a great friend of Thackeray's, that his contributions to "The Gownsman" were signed 0, a signature which he afterwards used for his famous article on his friend Cruikshank. The principal contributions so signed are "I'd be a Tadpole" (a parody of "I'd be a Butterfly") and "From Anacreon." "To all Proctors" and the "Ramsbottom Papers" continued from "The Snob" were probably by him.

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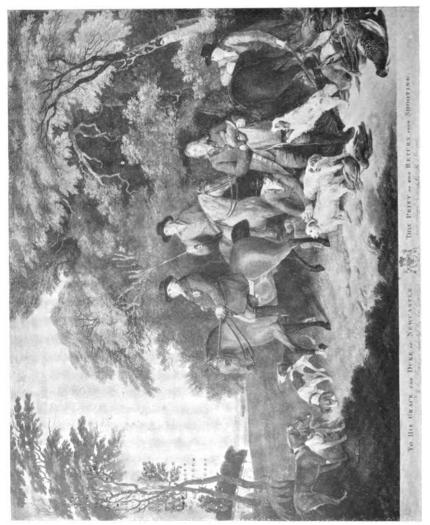
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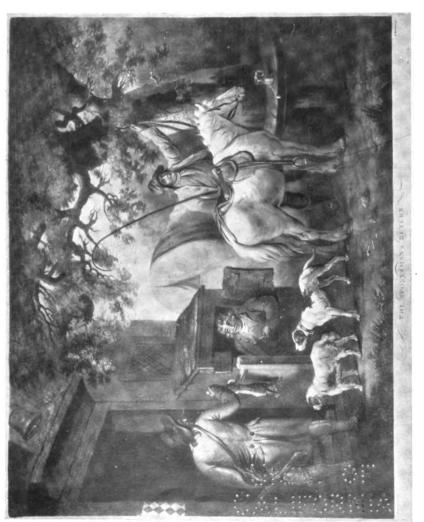
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